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IN IMITATION OF ALCÆUS.

Οὐ λίθοι οὐδὲ ξύλα, οὐδὲ
Τέχνη τεκτόνων αἱ πόλεις εἰσὶν,
Ἀλλ' ὅπᾳ ποτ' ἂν ὦσιν ΑΝΔΡΕΣ
Αὐτὲς σώζειν εἰδότες,
Ἐνταῦθα τεῖχη καὶ πόλεις.

ALC. quoted by ARISTIDES.

WHAT conſtitutes a State?
Not high-rais'd battlement or labour'd mound,
Thick wall or moated gate;
Not cities proud with ſpires and turrets crown'd;
Not bays and broad-arm'd ports,
Where, laughing at the ſtorm, rich navies ride,
Not ſtarr'd and ſpangled courts,
Where low-brow'd baſeneſs wafts perfume to pride.

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No:

No:—MEN, high-minded MEN,
With pow'rs as far above dull brutes endued
In foreſt, brake, or den,
As beaſts excel cold rocks and brambles rude;
Men, who their *duties* know,
But know their *rights*, and, knowing, dare maintain,
Prevent the long-aim'd blow,
And cruſh the tyrant while they rend the chain:
Theſe conſtitute a State,
And ſov'reign LAW, *that ſtate's collected will*,
O'er thrones and globes elate
Sits Empreſs, crowning good, repreſſing ill;
Smit by her ſacred frown
The fiend *Diſcretion* like a vapour ſinks,
And e'en the all-dazzling *Crown*
Hides his faint rays, and at her bidding ſhrinks.
Such *was* this heav'n-lov'd iſle,
Than *Leſbos* fairer and the *Cretan* ſhore!
No more ſhall freedom ſmile?
Shall *Britons* languiſh, and be MEN no more?
Since all muſt life reſign,
Thoſe ſweet rewards, which decorate the brave,
'Tis folly to decline,
And ſteal inglorious to the ſilent grave.

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